

# HEALTH ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

## Prioritizing Method

The members of the Crockett County Health Council through the use of primary and secondary data determined the leading health concerns. This council consisted of representatives of county government, education, health care, the local social services agencies and local citizens groups.

The major task of the council was to identify the top health problems of Crockett County in rank order. Using an modified version of the J.J. Hanlon method, the council rated each health problem according to the size of the health problem to reflect the percentage of the local population affected, the seriousness of the health problem, and the effectiveness or impact of intervening in the problem. Once the problems had been rated on size, seriousness and effectiveness of interventions, the PEARL test was applied to determine the Propriety, Economics, Acceptability, Resources available and Legality of intervening.

## Prioritized Health Problems

From the council's list of perceived health problems the following priority problems were established, with this list being further prioritized to determine the three priority health concerns for Crockett County.

### PRIORITIZED HEALTH PROBLEMS

1. **HEART DISEASE/HYPERTENSION**
2. **TEEN ALCOHOL/DRUG/TOBACCO USE \***
3. **ADULT ALCOHOL/DRUG/ TOBACCO USE \***
4. **TEEN PREGNANCY**
5. **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT \***
6. **LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
7. **CANCER**
8. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
9. **DENTAL CARE**
10. **MOTOR VEHICLE DEATHS**

*\*THESE PROBLEMS WERE CATEGORIZED INTO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

### Problems Selected for Intervention

1. **Mental Health Services**
2. **Teen Pregnancy**
3. **Heart Disease/Hypertension**